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Attached is a letter from Robert L. Pickering who attended the Phoenix Rotary Club meeting on January 15th. I have prepared a response for your signature.

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Dr. Robert Pickering
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Dear Dr. Pickering:

I appreciate your letter about my address of the Phoenix Rotary Club in January, and I can understand your concern about national security. One of the reasons that I speak to groups such as Rotary #100 is to provide information to concerned people such as yourself. An informed public makes a strong citizenry who can support and lead our country.

Like you, I put great store in my friendship with the O'Connors. They are outstanding leaders of our judicial process today and represent all that we value so much.

Thank you for your kind words.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

January 15, 1988

Mr. William H. Webster
c/o Miss Mary Evelyn Dean
Public Affairs Office of the
Director of the Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Webster:

Thank you for your visit and address to Rotary #100. The huge visitors list is an adequate measure of interest your presence elicited. The audience response to your presentation was excellent.

I was the one who asked the question from the floor about the extent to which you feel comfortable about our national security. This is a very sincere question, for the average person like myself who is busy with professional and personal things knows very well that the information we have is fractional and that we must have confidence in those in positions of trust.

I suppose all of us want to put our head on the pillow at night assured that our great and free nation is basically safe and secure for us and our children, both now and in the immediate future. You are in a distinctively unique position to evaluate our national strengths and vulnerabilities. We who know and trust John and Sandra O'Connor feel more secure because of their high appraisal of you.

Again, thank you for your kindness in joining us today. We appreciate the many services you render to us and the freedoms for a good life that they perpetuate. We shall be vigilante to protect those freedoms.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Pickering

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